



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2009

***Permit and Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95403***

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Christina Brenner, Jan Kiely, Donna Roper

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Liz Acosta, Chris Allen, Mary Basham (not notified), Karen Famini, Lisa Maldonado (not notified), Priscilla Vivio

JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Maggie Martin

I. CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF:

Kiely called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

II. CONSENT ITEMS:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Rice, Commissioner on the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), attended. She expressed her interest in learning more about CSW and its activities and in finding opportunities for collaboration between the Commissions. She encouraged Commissioners to attend CHR's meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

IV. COMMISSION UPDATE:

Swearing in of New Commissioners:

None.

Appointments and Openings:

Kiely announced that Boyd's resignation from the Commission is official. Therefore, there are now two vacancies in the 2nd District (2), two in the 3rd District (2); one in the 4th District (1), and two vacancies in the 5th District (2), totaling six openings overall (7).

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Officer Nominations:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

V. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:

Announcements:

Kiely announced that she has been appointed to the Advisory Board on the Area Agency on Aging. This body is devoted to influencing policy and identifying opportunities to assist the older members of our community, and she hopes that her efforts in serving on this body will support the CSW Older Women's Task Force.

Supervisor Communication Updates:

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

Strategic Planning:

Although no action could be taken, Martin reported that she was able to coordinate a strategic planning session for Friday, August 14th. The Commissioners discussed the matter briefly and asked staff to work on coordinating a strategic planning session in July.

WIN Scholarship Funds:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

CSW 2008-9 Program Funds:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

CA Women Lead: Training for Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item. However, Roper reported that she will need to ask for the Commission to approve additional funds to cover potential travel costs by the trainers. She does not anticipate this exceeding \$250.00.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Family Justice Center & Family Violence Prevention Council Liaisons:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

Officer Elections:

Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislation and Representation Task Force (Acosta/Roper/Vivio):

Roper reported that she had met with a representative of the Women's Political Caucus who volunteered to help promote the training. Plans are moving ahead for the training on how to get appointed to Boards and Commissions on August 8th, and that she will make arrangements to hold the session at one of the public libraries.

Junior Commission (Famini):

Kiely reported that a meeting to plan the 2009-10 Junior Commissioner Project and calendar will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 15th. The meeting will be held in the Commission Office's conference room.

Women's History Month Coordinator (Basham/ Roper/Vivio):

No report.

Self-Sufficiency Calculator (Maldonado):

Kiely reported that she and Allen had not been able to meet since May. However, they will be working on a letter to the Volunteer Center and Job Link to support job opportunities for older women. Roper offered additional contacts for support in this effort.

Older Women's Issues Task Force (Allen/Kiely):

No report.

Speakers Series Task Force (Brenner):

Brenner announced that there have been no additional speaking opportunities.

Recruitment Task Force (Acosta):

No report.

Liaison Report:

- ◇ **ACCW (Association of California Commissions on Women) Liaison (Acosta):**
No report.
- ◇ **Family Violence Prevention Council Liaison (Boyd):**
No report.
- ◇ **Family Justice Center Liaison (Boyd):**
No report.
- ◇ **Community Issues Liaison (formerly Human Trafficking) (Brenner):**
Brenner reported that task force's Chair, Joan Risse, Chief Deputy District Attorney, has returned from an extended out-of-town trip. So, meetings will resume, with the next meeting of the full group planned for June 30th. Before that she will be working with Risse and Judy Rice (CHR) on a "retooled approach" to present to the full group.
- ◇ **Non-Traditional Career Exploration Liaison (Brenner):**
Brenner reported progress is being made to introduce a web-based tool to help students in middle through high school identify career opportunities. The annual cost for the program is less than \$100 per student, and a campaign is being launched to solicit corporate and private sponsorships for local schools. She explained that while this initiative is not specifically focused on non-traditional careers for young women, it does provide opportunities for them to develop an awareness of and interest in pursuing these opportunities.

IX. STAFF REPORT:

Attendance Report Distribution:

Staff distributed the attendance report to Commissioners.

Correspondence:

None.

Update on Staff Activities:

Staff announced that the Board of Supervisors has approved the elimination of the Commissions Analyst position. Martin will be working on the transition to ensure that Commissioners are able to assume many of the functions previously performed by the Analyst.

X. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Kiely adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.